

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/JP03/11329

## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int.Cl<sup>7</sup> C12N15/09, C12Q1/02, C12N1/19

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

BIOSIS/WPI (DIALOG), MEDLINE (STN), JSTPlus/JST7580 (JOIS),  
SwissProt/PIR/GeneSeq, GenBank/EMBL/DDBJ/GeneSeq

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X/ Y	SUPERTI-FURGA, G. et al., A functional screen in yeast for regulators and antagonizers of heterologous protein tyrosine kinases, Nat. Biotechnol., 1996, Vol.14, No.5, pages 600 to 605	1-2, 5, 7-9, 15, 18/ 3-4, 6, 10-14, 16
Y	MATSUDA, S. et al., Tob, a novel protein that interacts with p185erbB2, is associated with anti-proliferative activity, Oncogene, 1996, Vol.12, No.4, pages 705 to 713	3-4, 10-14
Y	BOGDAN, J.A. et al., Human carbon catabolite repressor protein (CCR4)-associative factor 1: cloning, expression and characterization of its interaction with the B-cell translocation protein BTG1, Biochem.J., 1998, Vol.336, No.2, pages 471 to 481	3-4, 10-14

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.☐ See patent family annex.

\* Special categories of cited documents:

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Y	SUZUKI, T. et al., Phosphorylation of three regulatory serines of Tob by Erk1 and Erk2 is required for Ras-mediated cell proliferation and transformation, Genes Dev, 2002 Jun., Vol.16, No.11, pages 1356 to 1370	3-4, 10-14
Y	EP 317209 A2 (TAKEDA CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES LID.), 24 May, 1989 (24.05.89), & JP 2-000418 A & CA 1312029 A & US 5182195 A	6, 16

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## Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:

because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 17

because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

Concerning the "physiologically active substance" in the above claim, no specific substance but a common screening method is presented in the description. Although the common technical knowledge at the point of the application is taken into consideration, it is (continued to extra sheet)

3. ☐ Claims Nos.:

because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

## Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.

2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.

3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

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completely unknown what specific substances are involved in the scope thereof. Thus, the above claim is described in an unclear manner and no meaningful international search can be made thereon.